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MINUTES WORKPLACE SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, April 20, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Workplace Safety Committee was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, in person and via Zoom.

The following nine (9) members participated as follows: Jennifer Keating, Susan Romanski, Denise Johnson, Erica Germani, Ellen Muller, Alene Olsommer, Susan Pauler, David Robinson, and Brian Seaman. Two (2) members were absent or excused: Paul Gregorski and Brian Landry.

Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Keating at 9:32 AM.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Brian Seaman and seconded by Dave Robinson to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2021 meeting. The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Old Business

MS – 2hr delay days – staff interfering with snow/cindering, etc. This concern was addressed by Dr. LaRosa with an email to the administration.

Policies – This topic was addressed in the annual training. The question was "do we have a current Medical Marijuana and Opioids Policy" was referred Dr. Barrett and Dr. LaRosa. This policy will be worked on this summer.

Report on condition of buildings

RDW - Erica Germani reported a concern from the custodians in regards to the cinder shed. It is basically a three sided structure like a metal car port and the bottom is rusted out. The children play by it and the cinders are spilling out. The structure is replaced every couple of years and the question was asked if a more permanent garage like structure could be put there instead. The cinder truck would be able to be housed in it also. Jenni Keating said she would contact Joe Dunda, Director of Building and Grounds to see what could be done about this issue.

EG - ok

MS - ok

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HS - ok - Dave Robinson reported that they are cleaning up outside from winter and working on the sports fields.

DO - ok

New Business

- Injury Reports Jen Keating reported there was one injury. A staff member lifting a water bucket. This is an aggravated injury.
- Email Reports One email was received from the Middle School office staff concerning broke, worn chair mats. They were advised to ask their building principal to order new mats.
- Certification Renewal of Workplace Safety Committee was submitted for approval. No word
 has been received as of this time. Susan Romanski sent out a notice to the Committee from
 Labor and Industry Bureau of Workers Comp. The notice was reviewed.

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Safety video- "Slips, Trips, Falls, The Fatal Half Inch" was watched.

Future Meetings

Discussion was held about conducting building tours over the summer. The Committee has been unable to do this due to Covid 19 restrictions. An email will be sent out with more details.

Adjournment

Denise Johnson made a motion seconded by Alene Olsommer to adjourn the meeting of the Workplace Safety Committee meeting at 9:51 AM.

The motion carried with all affirmative.

Susan Romanski Secretary

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